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PARENTS RECEPTION:



Brigitte and Joseph Lonner, left and second from left, parents of Baron Lonner, a student in the BUSM Six-Year Program, chat with Paul Rothbaum and Dean Sandson at the recent New England Parents Reception. See story on page 4.

FOUR BUMC FACULTY, STAFF NAMED 1987 BLACK ACHIEVERS

Mona Lolagne Jabouin, R.N., an employee health nurse in the Employee-Student Health Service at BUMC, Weldon S. Lloyd, D.Sc., an associate research professor in nutrition, Joseph I. Ordia, M.S.S.B., an assistant professor of neurosurgery, and Deborah Prothrow-Stith, M.D., an assistant professor of medicine, have been named recipients of the 1987 Black Achievers Award, according to Noel F. Johnson, executive director of the Greater Boston YMCA Black Achievers program. They will receive their awards at a ceremony to be held in January.

This is the first year that BUSM and the Goldman School of Graduate Dentistry have participated in the program, in which companies and institutions in Boston nominate employees to serve as role models and mentors for school-aged black and other minority youth, according to Lorraine C. Peters, assistant to the director of BUMC. Last year, Black Achievers served more than 3,000 area students, advising them how best to overcome the challenges of the working world and prepare for a chosen career.

GOVERNMENT REPS ATTEND MEETING ON HEALTH SERVICE PROGRAM

The School of Medicine recently hosted an informational breakfast for city and state officials to unveil a new initiative of BUSM that matches graduates with jobs at state agencies and institutions in payment for state-supported medical education. Under the payback system of the reorganized State Health Service Corps (SHSC), medical students who receive scholarships from Massachusetts may repay their debt by working in underserved areas of the Commonwealth for one-half their scholarship term or owe double the loan plus interest.

The re-designed program makes the payback-service provisions more

responsive to the state's public-health needs, and arrangements can now be made for either full- or part-time service. The Area Health Education Center (AHEC) at BUSM is responsible for administering the SHSC, identifying medically underserved areas of the state and providing a computerized matching system for graduates and jobs. AHEC also will monitor the service obligations of the participants to ensure compliance with the contract.

POLICY ISSUES ADDRESSED
AT HYPERTENSION CONFERENCE

The first in a series of annual conferences on hypertension recently was sponsored by the National Research and Demonstration

Center of BUSM's Cardiovascular Institute. The annual colloquia aim to analyze the medical and socio-economic impact of hypertension, and to develop health-policy recommendations regarding the disease, according to Graham Ward, a public-health specialist at the Cardiovascular Institute.

Entitled "Hypertension and the Elderly: Policy Implications," the two-day meeting, held at the Sheraton Boston Hotel, drew approximately 100 cardiovascular disease investigators, representatives from pharmaceutical companies, corporate leaders, health-policy experts and health-care providers. Participants examined current information about such issues as the effectiveness of current hypertension therapy, the quality of life associated with various hypertension medications, and how increased numbers of surviving hypertensives will impact on retirement and health plans. A summary of recommendations pertaining to future research directions, patient and professional education, and access to appropriate care is being prepared for dissemination in various journals. Speakers from the School of Medicine included Aram V. Chobanian, M.D., director of the Cardiovascular Institute; William B. Kannel, M.D., M.P.H., chairman of Preventive Medicine and Epidemiology; and Sol Levine, Ph.D., a professor of socio-medical sciences and community medicine and public health.

NEW CORPORATE GRAPHICS
PROGRAM UNDERWAY AT BUMC

Boston University School of Medicine, The University Hospital and Boston University Goldman School of Graduate Dentistry

recently have begun implementation of a Coordinated Graphics Program that is designed to present the Boston University Medical Center image to the public in a manner that is clear, organized and consistent, according to Donald R. Giller, director of Marketing and Public Affairs at BUMC.

The new program is being overseen by the Office of Marketing and Public Affairs through the Office of Informational Services with the assistance of the Educational Media Support Center and the University's Graphic Design Office. It is designed to express a more identifiable image for each of the BUMC constituent institutions while using the Medical Center affiliation to each institution's advantage. School of Medicine publications are in the process of being redesigned to reflect the requirements of the Coordinated Graphics Program.

Existing materials should not be discarded, but staff are asked to ensure that the new program is adhered to when reordering printed materials. The procedures for requisitioning or ordering printed materials will continue

to follow the same channels. Any questions involving the applications of the Coordinated Graphics Program should be directed to the Office of Marketing and Public Affairs, at x8149 (638-8149).

AID FOR CANCER RESEARCH
DONATES LABORATORY EQUIPMENT

biomedical research and training, recently donated a \$10,000 scanning fluorimeter to the laboratory of Richard Miller, M.D., Ph.D., an associate professor of pathology and an assistant research professor of biochemistry. In its 38 years, ACR has donated numerous pieces of equipment and funds for fellowships and staff support to laboratories at the School and the University Hospital. The scanning fluorimeter will enable Miller and his colleagues to conduct biochemical analyses of cells. Miller currently is studying lymphocytes in aging and in bone-marrow transplantation.

Representatives from Aid for Cancer Research (ACR), a nonprofit organization in the greater Boston area that raises funds for



SNIDER NAMED CHIEF OF
MEDICINE AT BVAMC

Gordon L. Snider, M.D., a professor of medicine and associate professor of biochemistry, has been named chief of medicine at the Boston Veterans Administration Medical Center and designated the Maurice B. Strauss Professor of Medicine at BUSM and Tufts University School of Medicine. Snider's appointment became effective Oct. 1. He succeeds Daniel Deykin, M.D., a professor of medicine and biochemistry, who is now heading the VA's Coordinated Research Programs. Snider has been a member of the BUSM faculty since 1968, and had been director of the BUSM Pulmonary Center since 1982 until this summer, when Pulmonary Center Associate Director Jerome S. Brody, M.D., a professor of medicine, took over the directorship. Snider currently is president of the American Thoracic Society.

LESKY JOINS FACULTY,
HEADS WOMEN'S HEALTH GROUP

Linda Lesky, M.D., former medical director of the internal medicine clinic at Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago and of the Portes Center, a preventive medicine facility, recently joined the BUSM faculty as an assistant professor of medicine. In addition, Lesky has been named the assistant director for ambulatory programs of the Section of General Internal Medicine at the University Hospital, where she will oversee patient care and education in the general internal medicine practice. She also is the director of a new Women's Health Group, a part of the Evans Medical Group, which opened this fall at UH. The new group is designed to provide medical care, education and clinical research focused on the health needs of women. Lesky received her medical degree from the University of Chicago School of Medicine and did her residency at Michael Reese Hospital.

BREAST EXAMINATION WORKSHOPS
OFFERED BY WOMEN'S HEALTH GROUP The new Women's Health Group in the University Hospital's Evans Medical Group is sponsoring a series of free breast self-examination workshops for Boston University Medical Center employees. Such topics as mammography, benign breast problems and breast cancer will be discussed at each session. The workshops will run from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., every other Thursday starting in November. The first two workshops are scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 6 and 20. Space is limited to six women per session. Contact Marie at x7428 (638-7428) to reserve a space.

DUDLEY RECEIVES
KRASNER MEMORIAL AWARD Rita Dudley, Ph.D., an assistant professor of psychiatry (psychology) and director of the Center for Multi-Cultural Training in Psychology at Boston City Hospital, was awarded the 1986 Jack Krasner Memorial Award by the Division of Psychotherapy of the American Psychological Association during the APA's annual meeting in Washington, D.C. The Krasner Award was awarded to Dudley for her contributions to the training of psychotherapists in multi-cultural treatment skills and for her help in achieving a greater understanding of the processes involved in rendering services to minorities.

ANNUAL AFFILIATES DINNER
HELD AT ST. BOTOLPH CLUB The 1986 BUSM Affiliated Hospitals Dinner was held Oct. 7 at the St. Botolph Club. Approximately 40 representatives from 15 of the School's major teaching affiliates attended the reception and dinner, according to Daniel Bernstein, M.D., associate dean for hospital resources and affiliations. The annual dinner recognizes the many contributions of the affiliated institutions to BUSM's curriculum. Dean Sandson summarized some of these contributions in a brief talk on the role of the affiliated hospitals.

ANNUAL PARENTS RECEPTION
HELD AT SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER Approximately 120 parents had the opportunity to meet fellow parents, students and faculty at BUSM's annual New England Parents' Reception, held last month at the School. During the afternoon reception in the Hiebert Lounge, Dean Sandson presented a talk on the School's international health programs and discussed the question of the "physician glut." In addition, Terry S. Field, director of the Laboratory for Instructional Technology, demonstrated the use of computers in the curriculum at BUSM. A reception for parents in the New York area, hosted by Committee co-chairpersons Paul and Jean Rothbaum, is scheduled to be held Nov. 9 in Great Neck, N.Y. Since its inception, the Parents Committee has been instrumental in raising funds to help finance the Student Revolving Loan Fund and other programs at BUSM.

PARKER RECEIVES
MARCH OF DIMES GRANT Steven J. Parker, M.D., an assistant professor of pediatrics and director of the Developmental Assessment Clinic at Boston City Hospital, recently received a two-year, \$28,000 grant from the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation. Parker is assessing the long-term effects on

infant development of an early intervention program for premature infants and their parents in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at BCH. As part of the grant, Jean Cole, M.S., an instructor of infant development at Wheelock College, has joined the staff of the NICU. Cole is an expert on the behavior and development of premature babies and is working with parents and staff to improve the environment in which premature babies grow and develop.

TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED
TO GRADUATE STUDENTS

and Dental Sciences.

A number of graduate students at BUSM recently have been awarded Travel Scholarships from the Division of Medical

Kinan K. Hreib and Douglas L. Meineke, both Ph.D. candidates in anatomy, are scheduled to present papers at the Society for Neuroscience meeting, to be held in Washington, D.C., Nov. 10. Hreib's paper is entitled "Connections of the Basal Forebrain with the Amygdala in the Rhesus Monkey," and Meineke will present "A Light and Electron Microscopic Study of the Morphology and Distribution of GABA Immunoreactive Neurons in the Rat Visual Cortex." Adrian Sheldon, a Ph.D. candidate in physiology, is scheduled to present a paper entitled "Studies on Two High-Affinity Calcium-Binding Proteins from Squid Optic Lobe" at the Fifth International Symposium on Calcium Binding Proteins in Health and Disease, held in Pacific Grove, Calif., Nov. 30 through Dec. 5. Isaac Kohane, an M.D.-Ph.D. candidate in interdisciplinary studies, presented a paper entitled "Temporal Reasoning in Medical Expert Systems" at the Fifth World Congress on Medical Informatics in Washington, D.C., being held late this month.

RWJ FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES
CALL FOR APPLICANTS

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has announced a call for a fourth round of applicants for its Program for Faculty Fellows in Health Care Finance. The fellowships offer a year of advanced training and field experience followed by grants of up to \$15,000 in support of a related research project in the second year. The fellowships are open to faculty in university programs and departments where there is a health-care finance and health-policy focus, as well as to professionals in health-related disciplines who are committed to careers in teaching and research. The deadline for applications is Dec. 1, 1986. For more information, contact Carl J. Schramm, Ph.D., J.D., the Johns Hopkins Center for Hospital Finance and Management, 624 North Broadway, Baltimore, Md., 21205, or call (301) 955-6891.

CME COURSE HONORS
PROFESSOR EMERITUS SMITHWICK

A day-long academic surgical program in honor of Reginald Smithwick, M.D., a professor of surgery emeritus and former surgeon-in-chief at the University Hospital, has been scheduled for Nov. 21. The first annual Smithwick Foundation Lecture and Day in Surgery will investigate the surgical management of carotid occlusive disease. Course director for the program will be Robert W. Hobson II, M.D., the James Utley Professor of Surgery and chairman of the Division of Surgery at BUSM, and surgeon-in-chief at UH. Several BUSM faculty members also will present lectures during the day.

BRIEFLY NOTED

BUSM Associate Dean Barry Manuel, M.D., a clinical professor of surgery, presented a paper on "What the Surgeon Should be Paid" at the annual meeting of the New England Surgical Society, held in New Hampshire in September....Arnold E. Reif, D.Sc., a research professor of pathology, presented a paper entitled "Immunosurveillance Reevaluated in Light of AIDS" during a symposium on Natural Resistance to Tumors and Mechanisms of Killing at the 14th International Cancer Congress in Budapest, Hungary, held this summer. Reif also lectured on this topic in September at the Sir William Dunn School of Pathology, Oxford University, England....Donald M. Small, M.D., director of the Biophysics Institute and a professor of medicine and biochemistry, has been elected by the Council on Arteriosclerosis to present the George Lyman Duff Lecture at the 59th Scientific Session of the American Heart Association, to be held Nov. 17 through 19 in Dallas, Texas. The topic of the lecture will be "Progression and Regression of Atherosclerotic Lesions: Insights from Lipid Physical Biochemistry."

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